



The Honorable Tom Graves
United States House of Representatives
2708 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 25, 2020

RE: Inclusion of 501(c)6 nonprofit organizations within the emergency assistance legislation for COVID-19

Dear Representative Graves:

On behalf of the statewide business community, the undersigned organizations urge you to support including all nonprofit organizations (including but not limited to 501c6 and 501c3) within the emergency assistance legislation considered by Congress to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Thousands of nonprofit organizations and associations are left out of the relief bills and will be hard hit by the coronavirus crisis and resulting economic turmoil.

Nonprofit organizations, including chambers of commerce and trade associations, are important resources for their communities and constituent businesses. We provide workforce development, education, civic engagement, and community support. We bolster economic impact and, in times like these, speed economic recovery efforts while providing crucial business services like group purchasing agreements and consolidated insurance products for our member businesses. These services reduce the cost of business across Georgia and are desperately needed during this time to ensure our economic recovery.

Across the state, chambers and associations are working around the clock to support our members, investors, partners and elected leaders. We're serving as clearing houses of information, compliance officers, recovery conveners, leading preparedness, assisting healthcare facilities to find much need resources and so many other vital activities.

At the same time, we have already begun to suffer major financial losses in order to comply with state and local guidelines regarding gatherings and events. Ultimately, many may have to close our doors, leaving our communities without support, and our employees without jobs.

Congress was right to make certain nonprofit organizations eligible for aid. We urge Congress to extend this assistance to chambers of commerce and trade associations so that we can continue to provide important, business and civic services.

Respectfully Submitted,

American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia
Associated General Contractors of Georgia, Inc.
Council For Quality Growth
Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals
Georgia Apartment Association
Georgia Asphalt Pavement Association
Georgia Association of Convenience Stores
Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Concrete Contractors Association
Georgia Construction Aggregates Association
Georgia Dental Association
Georgia Food Industry Association
Georgia Forestry Association
Georgia Highway Contractors Association
Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Hospital Association
Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education
Georgia Pharmacy Association
Georgia Poultry Federation

Georgia Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Georgia Restaurant Association
Georgia Retail Association
Georgia Screen Entertainment Coalition
Georgia Transportation Alliance
Independent Insurance Agents of Georgia
Medical Association of Georgia
National Federation of Independent Business/Georgia

Adel-Cook County Chamber of Commerce
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Alma-Bacon County Chamber of Commerce
Alpharetta Chamber of Commerce
Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber
Banks County Chamber of Commerce
Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber
Barrow County Chamber of Commerce
Baxley-Appling County Chamber of Commerce
Berrien County Chamber of Commerce
Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce
Black Chambers of Atlanta
Blakely-Early County Chamber of Commerce
Brantley County Chamber of Commerce
Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce
Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber
Buena Vista-Marion County Chamber
Burke County Chamber of Commerce
Butts County Chamber of Commerce
Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce
Camden County Chamber of Commerce
Camilla Chamber of Commerce
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce
Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce
Chamblee Chamber of Commerce
Chatsworth-Murray County Chamber of Commerce
Chattooga Chamber of Commerce
Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce
Clay County Chamber of Commerce
Clayton County Chamber of Commerce
Clinch County Chamber of Commerce
Cobb Chamber of Commerce
Cochran-Bleckley Chamber of Commerce
Colquitt-Miller County Chamber of Commerce
Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce
Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce
Covington-Newton County Chamber of Commerce
Cumming-Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce
Dade County Chamber of Commerce
Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber
Darien-McIntosh County Chamber of Commerce
Dawson County Chamber of Commerce
DeKalb Chamber of Commerce
Donalsonville-Seminole County Chamber
Dooly County Chamber of Commerce
Douglas County Chamber of Commerce
Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce
Dublin-Laurens County Chamber
Dunwoody Perimeter Chamber
Eastman-Dodge County Chamber of Commerce
Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce

Ashburn-Turner County Chamber of Commerce
Athens Area Chamber of Commerce
ATL Airport Chamber, Inc.
Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
Elbert County Chamber of Commerce
Ellaville-Schley County Chamber of Commerce
Fannin County Chamber of Commerce
Fayette Chamber of Commerce
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Chamber of Commerce
Forsyth-Monroe Co. Chamber of Commerce
Franklin County Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Greater Black Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Women's Chamber of Commerce
Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce
Glennville Chamber of Commerce
Gordon County Chamber of Commerce
Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce
Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce
Greater Eastside Chamber of Commerce
Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce
Greater Haralson County Chamber of Commerce
Greater Lithonia Chamber of Commerce
Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce
Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce
Greater Tattnall Chamber of Commerce
Greene County Chamber of Commerce
Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
Habersham County Chamber of Commerce
Harris County Chamber of Commerce
Hart County Chamber of Commerce
Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Chamber of
Commerce
Hazlehurst-Jeff Davis Chamber of Commerce
Heard County Chamber of Commerce
Henry County Chamber of Commerce
Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce
Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce
Jenkins County Chamber of Commerce
Johns Creek Chamber of Commerce
Jones County Chamber of Commerce
LaGrange - Troup County Chamber of Commerce
Lakeland-Lanier County Chamber of Commerce
Lavonia Chamber of Commerce
Lee County Chamber of Commerce
Liberty County Chamber of Commerce
Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce
Long County Chamber of Commerce
Macon County Chamber of Commerce
Madison County Chamber of Commerce
Madison-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce

Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce
Metter-Candler Chamber of Commerce
Milledgeville-Baldwin County Chamber
Monticello-Jasper County Chamber of Commerce
Moultrie-Colquitt Chamber of Commerce
Newnan-Coweta Chamber
Ocilla/Irwin Chamber of Commerce
Oconee County Chamber of Commerce
Oglethorpe County Chamber of Commerce
Okefenokee Chamber of Commerce
Paulding County Chamber of Commerce
Peach Regional Chamber of Commerce
Pelham Chamber of Commerce
Perry Area Chamber of Commerce
Pickens County Chamber of Commerce
Pierce County Chamber of Commerce
Pike County Chamber of Commerce
Polk County Chamber of Commerce
Pooler Chamber of Commerce
Quitman-Brooks County Chamber of Commerce
Rabun County Chamber of Commerce
Randolph County Chamber of Commerce
Richmond Hill- Bryan Chamber of Commerce
Roberta-Crawford County Chamber of Commerce
Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce
Rome Floyd Chamber of Commerce
Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce
Screven County Chamber of Commerce
Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce
Stonecrest Chamber of Commerce

Sumter County Chamber of Commerce
Swainsboro Emanuel County Chamber of
Commerce
Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce
Talbot County Chamber of Commerce
Taliaferro Chamber of Commerce
Taylor County Chamber of Commerce
Telfair County Chamber of Commerce
Terrell County Chamber of Commerce
Thomaston-Upson County Chamber
Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber
Thomson-McDuffie Chamber of Commerce
Tifton-Tift County Chamber of Commerce
Toccoa-Stephens County Chamber of Commerce
Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce
Towns County Chamber of Commerce
Twiggs County Chamber of Commerce
Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce
Walker County Chamber of Commerce
Walton County Chamber of Commerce
Warren County Chamber of Commerce
Washington County Chamber of Commerce
Washington-Wilkes Chamber of Commerce
Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce
Wayne County Chamber of Commerce
Wheeler County Chamber of Commerce
White County Chamber of Commerce
Wilkinson County Chamber of Commerce
Wrightsville-Johnson County Chamber of
Commerce